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Pad,

Well your ever fumbling son has come through once again. I managed to tear off half of one of my ole famous big toe nails. Well, once in the rear, it took me ~~two~~ 2 days to get to see the surgeon. When they saw me, it was infected, so I popped penicillin pills for three days and went back. This time they trimmed it up and said to lasp. excuse me for 10 days. Thats where I am now! Our batallion rear is now in Tay Ninh. It's really great to

take a break from the boonies. This is the only REAL break I've had in 6 months. I sure hit a lucky one and came through on that stumble.

I get the files in great appreciation. The apples you ~~sent~~ were so sure wouldn't make it, did. They couldn't have been better if I had picked them off the shelf myself. The food from you and cookies from Gail went fast.

How's things at the farm? All you need, is me there to entertain all the young beauties floating around. I'll

take care of that place when I get back. A nice dirt bike and a new race car and I'll be all squared away.

Ask brother Reid to write and tell me if he would like a stereo tape to keep for me until I get home. It's a large reel type recorder by panasonic. It's about $400.00 worth of equipment. Back in the world it would cost over twice as much.

Well, tell Dan "hi" and thanks for writing. Be cool and take care.

W/B

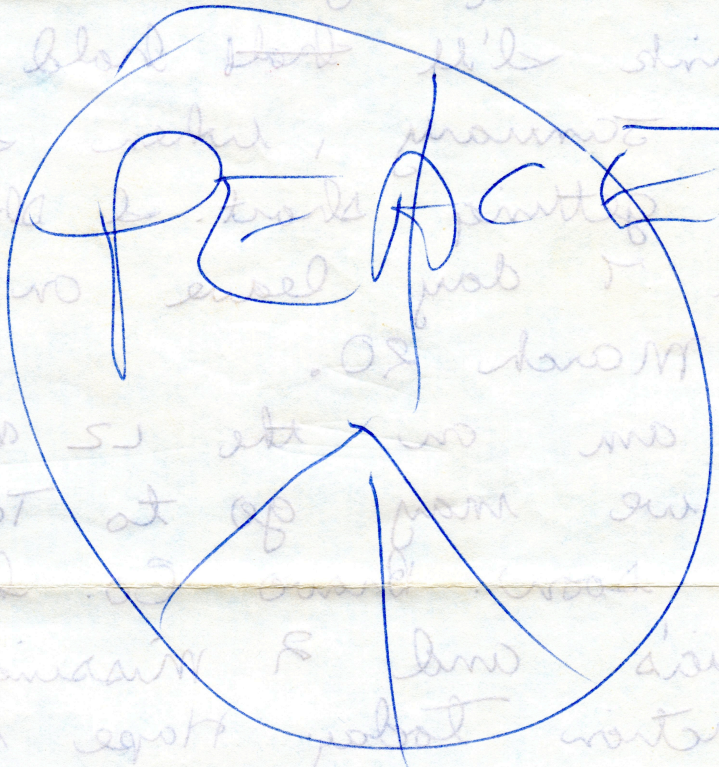
Love
Eric

Things seem so much different now that I'm past the halfway mark. I gave away my R+R to Australia for Dec. 12-19. I think I'll ~~that~~ hold off until January, when I start getting short. I should get a 7 day leave on ~~the 20th~~ March 20.

I am on the LZ now, but we may go to Tay Ninh soon. Bravo Co. had 12 kia's and 2 missing in action today. Hope we get to Phouc Vinh pretty soon. Things have been worse before, so don't worry. Tell everybody hi for me and take care.

catch ya later!

Eric



160 DAYS

I'M ALIVE

WELL IN NAM!